

13. (Amended) The method according to Claim 10 wherein the sulfur dye-containing fabric in need of treatment is contacted with the composition during the rinsing cycle of a conventional wash comprising the sulfur dye-containing fabric.

14. (Amended) The method according to Claim 10 wherein the sulfur dye-containing fabric in need of treatment is contacted with the composition after washing the sulfur dye-containing fabric.

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cont'd 15. (Amended) The method according to Claim 10 wherein the sulfur dye-containing fabric in need of treatment is contacted with the composition during dyeing, after treatment and/or during finishing of the sulfur dye-containing fabric.

18. (Amended) A process for making bleach stable sulfur dyes comprising the step of: modifying a sulfur dye in need of modification such that the modified sulfur dye exhibits increased bleach stability as compared to the unmodified sulfur dye.

19. (Amended) The process according to Claim 18 wherein the step of modifying the sulfur dye in need of modification comprises reacting the sulfur dye with a source of one or more metal ions.

20. (Amended) The process according to Claim 19 wherein the one or more metal ions comprise an electron configuration such that the one or more metal ions are at their most stable oxidation state.

A2 21. (Amended) The process according to Claim 19 wherein the one or more metal ions comprise a transition metal ion.

22. (Amended) The process according to Claim 21 wherein the transition metal ion is selected from the group consisting of: Ni(II), Co(II), Pd(II), Pt(II), Sn(IV), Pb(II), Hg(II) and mixtures thereof.

23. (Amended) The process according to Claim 19 wherein the one or metal ions comprise a lanthanide metal ion.

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24. (Amended) The process according to Claim 23 wherein the lanthanide metal ion is selected from the group consisting of: La(III), Ce(IV), Gd(III) and mixtures thereof.

26. (Amended) A dyed textile made by the process according to Claim 25.

27. (Amended) A process for making bleach stable sulfur dyes comprising the steps of:

- a. making a sulfur dye by reacting one or more organic compounds with a sulfur-containing compound to form the sulfur dye; and
- b. reacting the sulfur dye with a stabilizing agent such that the sulfur dye exhibits increased bleach stability as compared to the sulfur dye in the absence of such a stabilizing agent.

28. (Amended) The process according to Claim 27 wherein the one or more organic compounds comprises one or more organic aromatic compounds.

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29. (Amended) The process according to Claim 27 wherein one or more organic aromatic compounds is selected from the group consisting of aromatic amines, phenols, or nitro compounds and mixtures thereof.

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30. (Amended) The process according to Claim 28 wherein the one or more organic aromatic compound produce a color selected from the group consisting of: black, brown, yellow, orange, red, blue, green and shades thereof and mixtures thereof.

31. (Amended) The process according to Claim 27 wherein the step of making the sulfur dye comprises melting or boiling the one or more organic compounds with the sulfur-containing compound.

32. (Amended) The process according to Claim 27 wherein the sulfur-containing compound comprises a bond selected from the group consisting of sulfide bonds, disulfide bonds, multi-sulfide bonds and mixtures thereof.

33. (Amended) The process according to Claim 32 wherein the sulfur-containing compound comprises a disulfide bond.